

REMARKS

The applicants have studied the Election/Restriction Requirement dated October 4, 2004. Claims 1-32 are in the case. The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following two embodiments of the claimed invention:

Embodiment I, wherein designated message information is contained in electronic mail messages.

Embodiment II, wherein designated message information is contained in chatting or instant messages.

In response to the Examiner's election requirement, the applicant hereby provisionally elects Embodiment I, drawn to claims 1-8 and 14-28.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

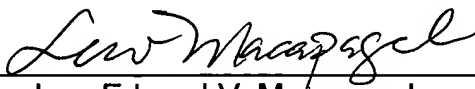
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application and the claims, as amended, are in condition for reconsideration on the merits. Examination of the application, as amended, is requested. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (213) 623-2221 should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,
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